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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2 and 5-11 are allowed.

The closest prior art to the instant invention is JP 2002-126907. JP 2002-126907 teaches using a numerical control (NC) processor comprising a work spindle to hold a workpiece (9) thereon, the work spindle being supported for rotation on a headstock (5), a Z-axis table allowing the work spindle to move in reciprocation in a Z-axis direction, an X-axis table arranged in opposition to the work spindle and moving in reciprocation in an X-axis direction (X-axis direction being perpendicular to the Z-axis direction), a turner base (11) fastened to the X-axis table, a slider (12) allowed to move back and forth over the turner base in a Y-axis direction (Y-axis direction being parallel with the Z-axis direction), a cutting tool (15) mounted to the slider (12), and a driving means (comprising a linear-motor coil 19) to force the slider in reciprocation the Y-axis direction (2002-126907, figures 4-6). Furthermore, JP 2002-126907 teaches a pulse coder detects the position of the x-axis table and the NC of servomotor for the x-axis table is actuated, Paragraph [0006], lines 17-20 of the translation of JP 2002-126907) whereby the cutting tool generates a desired curved surface (e.g. plastic-lens process therefore toric surface, Paragraph [0022], lines 1-6 of the translation of JP 2002-126907) on a surface of the workpiece lying perpendicular to the Y-axis direction of the cutting tool.

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However, JP 2002-126907 fails to anticipate or make obvious the slider being set a its highest acceleration at all times while the rotating velocity of the work spindle is varied (i.e. JP 2002-126907 teaches the slider being controlled such that it is synchronized with rotary motion of the main shaft, translation of JP 2002-126907, paragraph 22).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Addisu at (571) 272-6082. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica Carter can be reached on (571) 272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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